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PENTECOST

The Gift of the Holy Spirit for us All



Newsletter - May 2024

Reaching Out and Bringing Hope

Dear Friends,

I wonder what comes to mind when we hear the words 'Getting our hands dirty'. Perhaps another way of putting it is 'to roll up our sleeves and get stuck in'. I guess it could mean anything from digging the garden, to decorating the house, to making bread. It could also mean writing letters to MP's, cooking lunches for the homeless, creating safe spaces for vulnerable people to ask questions. Whether you ponder on 'getting your hands dirty' or on 'rolling up our sleeves and get stuck in' both are about action. You are not going to just stand and watch either from a distance or indeed close up but rather get involved in some way.

As I write we are journeying from Easter towards Pentecost and beyond, learning from the example Jesus gave us during his earthly ministry to go and do likewise. Jesus didn't wash his hands of the world's troubles, or abandon those in fear or oppression, but got involved and physically washed his disciples' feet and then said "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." John 13:14



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Jesus was not afraid to get his hands dirty. As we look through the pages of scripture, we hear of Jesus overturning tables, Jesus talking with a Samaritan woman, Jesus touching lepers, eating with tax collectors, inviting a robber to be with him in paradise.

And what about us? After we remember the last meal Jesus had with his friends, the cruel lingering death on a cross, the waiting and then the joy of the empty tomb what then? Does the Easter story come and go and then we continue with our lives just as they were before? or are we prepared to be touched by the events? Touched to the point of being willing to get our hands dirty rather than washing our hands as Pilate had done. Touched to the point of wanting to journey with Jesus and see lives transformed by the good news.

Knowing that we do all these things in the power of the Holy Spirit, given on the day of Pentecost to the disciples and who continually empowers, strengthens and equips us each and every day.



I conclude with a verse from Ecclesiastes and then a reflection by Sally Foster-Fulton from her book *Step Gently in the World*.

'Whatever your hand finds to do, do with your might...' (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

"God, I bet you have dirty hands - caked with soil from creation, dusty from the road, from times when you helped friends up when they've fallen; and creased and cracked from your endless dipping into the waters of chaos (desperately wishing to bail us out).

I bet they're weather worn and work-sore hands definitely at the end of rolled-up sleeves.... And how we imagine your hands is important, because your hands mirror our heart.

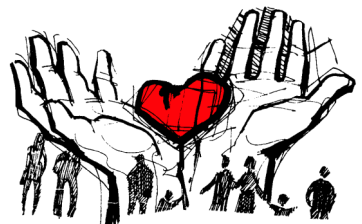
God of the dirty hands, you didn't call us to be apart from the world - but in it up to our elbows. You didn't ask us to fold our hands and pray piously in a quiet corner, but to offer them outright in the corners of the world where people have been pushed and driven and can't get out. You never asked us to be indifferent, but to try to make a difference.

So, God of the dirty hands, do not let us deceive ourselves. When we choose to wash our hands of the world's sad affair, we aren't remaining neutral: we're siding with the powerful. When we choose to wash our hands, we are playing right into the hands of those who depend on apathy to stay at the top."

Take our hands God, and put them to work:
our hearts will follow. Amen

Every Blessing,

Rev Margaret



Prayers for May:

In the middle of May we celebrate Pentecost, when Peter reminded us that Joel said,
‘In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
(Acts 2:17)



The Spirit of God swept through the room in wind and fire, causing a huge stir amongst both the disciples and onlookers. Yet we also remember a time when God was *not* in the wind and fire, but in a gentle whisper to Elijah (1 Kings 19). In both cases but in different ways the almighty God was working powerfully to make his presence known and to draw people into his kingdom. It is just the same today, so let us pray for our own Pentecost reality: to hear God’s voice, to speak his word, and to see his kingdom glorified.

Lord God,
Help us to see through the hurricane and fire: to find peace amidst the bustle; to be calm amongst the noise, and to hear your quiet voice.
And we pray too that your wind will sweep us off our feet, your holy fire will set us alight, and we will speak with your tongues in languages that those around us will understand.
Pour out your Spirit on all your people, that we may see your vision realised.
Amen.



Chris Rolph

The Prayer Time of “Churches Without Walls” at St James’ Church House from 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

NO Meeting on 9th May as it is Ascension Day

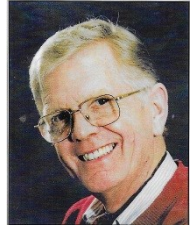
But we meet on Thursday, 23rd May

All are welcome to attend.

Deacon James Hunter

Church Family News

Peter Maddison, or who many will remember him by his greetings to us all as **“Hello Darling”** passed away on 21st March 2024, aged 92 years. His funeral which was held on Tuesday, 16th April was written by him.



The very relevant reading we had at his funeral was from John 15 : 1 -17, the Vine and its Branches. Peter was completely rooted in Christ. He had been a Methodist Local Preacher since 1950, and until quite recently still conducted a few services. He had a great love of music, played the organ and particularly loved hymns written by Charles Wesley. He not only played the organ for Louth Methodist Church, especially for special events and funerals but also for Eastgate Union Church, when he was not preaching. For many years he was also a member of the Louth Hospital Singers, a small group of devoted people who sang hymns and did Bible readings requested by patients on the wards at Louth Hospital, on a Sunday evening.

Peter always greeted you with a smile and he was an incredibly friendly, humble and a perfect gentleman and dapper in his attire. He loved people and gave his time and talents to others. He was a member of Louth Friends of Grimsby Samaritans and was their Chairman for 25 years. For 60 years he was involved in Louth Playgoers, where he sang, acted and started a Theatre School for children with Special Needs. I first met him at Louth Playgoers when my children first joined and his enthusiasm for everyone to perform to their best ability in musicals and pantomimes was wonderful to see. He was a real asset to Louth and it was no surprise that in July 2023 he was awarded the British Empire Medal for his Service to Louth.

He lived very quietly and privately with his wonderful wife, Margery and had two sons and four grandchildren. Life was never the same for Peter when Margery died, but he carried on with all his activities, all in his love for God. We send our thoughts and prayers to all his family and thank God for Peter's wonderful and long life. He will be greatly missed.

Gwenda Burgin, Pastoral Visitor

We carry on with our series on **“Our Christian Journey”** by different members of our church. This month it is the turn of Christine Lowis



As I look back as a child, I see I was connected to both Methodism and the Church of England and this is still the case. My Mum was C of E and from his childhood my Dad was a Methodist but he also supported St Adelwolds Alvingham.

I was born at Crowtree Lane Hospital, Louth, where also my youngest daughter Samantha was born. My eldest daughter, Ingrid, was born in Lincoln Maternity Hospital because my husband Bob and I were living nearby in Ingham. I am blessed with three adult grandchildren Rupert, Penny and Devon.

I was brought up at Alvingham, baptised in St Adelwolds Church, Alvingham and went to Alvingham Methodist Sunday School taught by Mrs Hilda Hand and Mrs Edna Shucksmith. I enjoyed taking part in concerts and competitions in Mollie Shucksmith's choir. I remember the Sunday School and being coached by Mollie for our Chapel Anniversaries. The anniversaries always seemed to be warm sunny days with the chapel door open, we children dressed in our finery packed into the pulpit area. The chapel itself opened up into the school room which was also packed with the congregation. Another memory is helping my Mum put flowers in St Adelwolds Church and helping with the cleaning. It just seemed the done thing to attend Sunday School and many fell away when reaching teenage years; why I did not, I do not know.

I met Bob, my husband to be, when I was sixteen when I decided to leave school and work in Boots, the chemists, in Louth. I wanted a vocation so I went to train as a nurse, however I left this before qualifying, the story of my life; Jack of all trades, Master of none!

After we married I attended C of E services and was confirmed at Grimsby Minster. When Bob and I married, Bob was working on his family farm which was later sold and we moved to farm jobs and later different work. We eventually lived in Grimoldby and I chose to attend the nearest place of worship, Grimoldby Methodist Church with a lovely congregation. I was able to join classes and meetings run by Grimoldby's Rev Peter Faulkner and his kind wife Janny, where I met my compadre Anne.

After my Mum died in 1991 we moved to Alvingham to live with my Dad and I joined Alvingham Methodist Church. We were a joint Methodist and C of E congregation with 1 service a month in St Adelwolds. To reinforce my dual connection of chapel and church I had a significant Christian encounter at a C of E worship meeting and another in our own chapel in Louth so I feel I do not have to choose 'sides' as it were.

In the 80's I learnt Transcendental Meditation of Hindu origins and my teacher John Butler is now quite a Christian sensation on YouTube. He and his wife Shirley were then farming in Biker near Boston.

As many of you have experienced the loss of a loved one, you will know the significant change when my almost life long companion Bob died two and a half years ago. During lockdown I continued with zoom prayer and services on Facebook from St James. Sadly, Alvingham chapel closed after the Covid lockdown. After this, I was given the opportunity to train to be a C of E Authorised Lay Minister and for Anne Stratford, who already was an ALM to refresh. We now can take morning worship once a month in St Adelwolds. Also as both of us became churchwardens we felt we could contribute to keeping St Adelwolds open.

I attend a weekly online zoom of Ignation and Lectio Divina prayer, meeting with local, and people from further afield. I try to practice contemplative prayer although silence is something I often find challenging. Most fortunately I have a retired C of E priest as a Spiritual Director. Barbara and Deryk Hand supply me with the Daily Bible reading booklet 'Our Daily Bread'. I also read a daily email from the Centre of Action and Contemplation from New Mexico, USA. Quoting from their website "the centre offers educational events that teach contemplative practice and compassionate action". I receive much solace from their messages particularly James Finley who was guided by the late monk, Thomas Merton. Although American, this is by no means cultish.

You may ask what am I doing being a Methodist when I have other interests? The reason is Methodism was my formative Christian experience and I am grateful to be accepted as a member of Louth where I feel at home, and value the kindness and fellowship. Louth Methodist Church, for me, fulfils action and contemplation with the words of James 2 : 14-17, "Faith and Deeds".


Thank you Christine, we are happy to have you worship with us.

More Church Family News

Some of you may have realized we have not seen Jenny Bosworth for awhile. She has been in hospital and then went into a home for awhile. She is now back in her own home and can walk to the local shop with her walker. When she can manage to get into a car she is looking forward to being back at church. We send her all our love and hope to see her soon.



A few more of our **Annual Reports**, showing what a busy Church we are:

 As many of you will remember, Louth Churches for Refugees supports two families from Syria who have been settled in Louth. They arrived through official Home Office channels, and took the decision to try to make a new life for their families in the UK rather than continue to face the struggle of living in a war zone. Our first family arrived from Jordan, where they had lived for a few years after fleeing Syria. The second family had been living temporarily in Egypt. Both have had to leave behind friends and family in the Middle East and in other countries - an enormous upheaval. Even now they are safely and legally settled here, they have faced many difficulties and cultural readjustments, so the help of sponsors is vital.

LCFR support the families by finding them affordable rented accommodation, helping them to access health care and school places, and doing our best to guide them through the complex UK benefits system and improve their English language skills. The eventual aim is to see them in work and self-sufficient, but of course this is a long and often difficult journey.

Our first family have now been here four years, having arrived just before COVID struck. The oldest of their four children is now studying engineering at York University - a tremendous achievement for someone who arrived with very limited English and very restricted access to school during lockdown. The older of the two daughters is taking her GCSEs this summer and hopes to go to Franklin College in September. The younger sister will be starting at Louth Academy at the same time and the youngest member of the family, who was only a few months old when he arrived here, started school last autumn, and is enjoying the experience.

Our second sponsored family arrived almost two years ago and are also doing well. Their son will go to Louth Academy in September and their first daughter is doing well in primary school. Their second daughter will soon turn three, and should then be able to access a nursery place.

All four parents are hugely committed to making a safe and settled future for their children. They have struggled with a number of health problems, and with the logistics of attending hospital appointments in various parts of our area. Employment prospects are not particularly good at present, but both fathers have shown great determination in working to pass the English driving test - the international driving licences they held were only valid for one year, and there is no provision for taking either the theory or practical tests with an interpreter. It is very good to be able to report that both have now been able to bin their L-plates! and the second family are now the proud owners of a good 2nd hand car.

For some time I have been the only remaining Methodist in the LCFR support group, following the departure of David Newlove, David Fidler and Derek and Julia Gibson, who have all left the area. So it has been great to have Bryan Utteridge join as a Trustee this year. He already knew the families after doing sterling work organising housing maintenance and repairs on their homes, one of which is a Circuit property and the other owned by Church members. More involvement from Church members would of course always be welcome - please speak to me or Bryan if you would like to know more. Several of our Church members already support the project financially by making a small monthly donation by standing order, and this is also very much appreciated. Again, I can tell you more if you would like to be involved. Every little helps!

You can find out more about the project by looking at the Louth Churches for Refugees website online, where there are regular updates, newsletters, and sometimes campaigning letters to our Government! There has been a lot of publicity about migrants, some of which is less than helpful, but at LCFR we really feel we have been able to make a positive contribution to a problem which is not going to vanish any time soon. Thank you for your interest, prayers and support.

Ros Malyon

4th Louth Scouting

The 4th Louth Scout Group is currently made up of three sections plus a Viking /Explorer Group, all for boys and girls.



Beavers age 6-8 years; Cubs age 8-10.5 years;

Scouts age 10.5-14 years and Explorer Scouts age 14-18 years. Currently we have 19 Beavers, 17 Cubs and 19 Scouts on the books, and have 12 not old enough to join us yet on the waiting list.

Beavers and Cubs meet on a Tuesday evening 18.30 – 19.45 pm

Scouts meet on a Monday evening 18.30 – 20.00 pm

During school term time from the October half term till Easter the 3 sections meet at the Methodist Church, Nichol Hill Louth . For the rest of the year the sections meet at Brackenborough Hall Farm, outdoors.

Viking/Explorers meet on a Friday evening 19.00 – 21.00 alternating between Louth and Caister.

We have a online system for parents and leaders (online scout manager OSM) that allows parents to see their child's personal details, view their badge progress and see the programme for the young members groups.

The Aim of the Scout Association

The aim of the scout association is to encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of the young members, so they may take a constructive place in society. We offer an enjoyable and attractive scheme of progressive training, starting in Beavers moving through the sections. The leaders are responsible for planning and running a programme of activities and games at section meetings and special events and camps.

Most adults in scouting, including all leaders at 4th Louth Scout Group, are volunteers. The Scout Association has a thorough training programme in which all leaders have to participate. They must also undergo a DBS check with personal references and be approved by the District Appointments Committee. In addition to the adult leaders, we have assistance from young leaders. Young leaders are explorer scouts that volunteer to help out, sometimes part of doing their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

At the moment we have 3 Beaver Leaders, 1 Cub Leader and 4 Scout Leaders and we thank them all for their enthusiasm and help.

Sections

The Beavers are divided up into lodges, each lodge has a name, Damm, Sett, Burrow and Nest with each lodge having a lodge leader.

Cubs are in coloured packs ,Yellow, Red, Green and Purple with a Sixer Leader and a Seconder.

Scouts are in Patrols, Panthers, Ravens, Wolves, and Cobras, each with a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader.

Activities and Awards

All 3 sections enjoy a great deal of fun and adventures indoors and outdoors.

Indoors is in the Methodist Church, it gives the leaders chance to create a programme in the warmth during the winter months to cover activities like First Aid, Map reading, Question time, Disability Awareness, Safety Badges, Camp Blankets, Fire/Drill Planning, Cooking and Crafts.

Then when the weather warms up outdoors the sections can cover Hikes , Fire lighting, Backwards Cooking, Tents, Air Rifles, Archery, Camps, Knots and Woodcraft, all at Brackenborough Hall.

The District also puts on Events for the young members with St Georges day full of activities for all sections, Beavers Sandcastle Competition at Sandilands, Cubs Beach Clean and Junk Art Competition at Mablethorpe, and Scouts Raft Race at Covenham Reservoir.

All these activities leads to the award of badges to wear on their uniform. These are given in recognition of the effort made at their level of understanding and development.

Scouting is a uniformed organisation and all 3 sections are expected to wear full uniform for section meetings, parades, and arriving and departing events.

4th Louth Scouting is always looking for Volunteers to help in the running of the group whether it is with the sections or part of the Exec committee, maybe you have a skill or hobby you can offer or just your time. All help is valued and no experience needed. Full support and training can be arranged.

Yours In Scouting, Ian Kingswood

Group Lead Volunteer, 07855063091, iankingswood@aol.com

Our Mercy Ships Adventure, March - April 2024

The last few months have been busy with the arrival of the day crew, continued preparations for field service and another change in role for Rebecca, but we have managed to find some time to get off the ship together and are looking forward to 2 wks off at the end of April for a much needed rest.

Life in Hospitality, and now life as the Assistant Steward (Rebecca)

From March, the Hospitality team's responsibilities have changed from the initial deep cleaning of the ship into a steady pattern of duties. Working from 8-5 Monday to Friday, we take it in turns on these days (+1 weekend a month) to be "on duty" and be responsible for arrivals, departures, ship tours for new crew and cabin inspections for disembarking crew. Most crew join and leave the ship via a bus to/from the capital city Antananarivo, however due to the poor roads the 200 mile journey typically takes 12 hours!! Other tasks like cleaning and setting up refreshments for meetings are then shared out between us each day. In March we hosted a number of events including a reception to welcome the new day crew, a visit from the UK Ambassador and a conference for over 100 local church leaders. I've also been assisting the Hospital team with deep cleaning as they continue to set up for patients arriving in May, and helped the Supply team in moving 1.5 tonnes (1,392 boxes!!) of frozen food from dockside containers onto the ship.

Due to some staffing changes I was offered and accepted the role of Assistant Steward at the beginning of April, and have spent time this month training for this as well as working in Hospitality. I will be assisting the Chief Steward and managers of the Stewards department which consists of Sales (the ship shop and café), Food Services (the galley and dining room) and Hotel Services (housekeeping and hospitality). The role is very varied and will see me helping out with a bit of everything (mainly admin work, attending meetings and liaising with Head Office), but I enjoy being busy and helping out wherever I can, so it feels like a good fit for me, and my time in the dining room and hospitality means that I have a good overall idea of how different parts of the Stewards team function. On the horizon this month I am helping to organise the Day Crew training day and official welcome reception before medical field service begins. I'll also stay on hand to help out Hospitality as and when needed – especially for cabin preparation/turnovers once more hospital staff arrive in May, when we will be carrying out surgeries.



Above: some much needed R&R for Rebecca and Alex. Below—the whole crew.

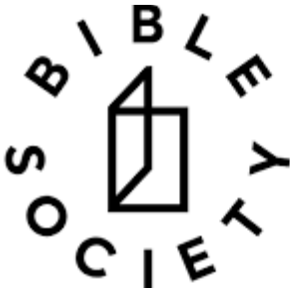


We thank God for:

- Your generous giving, encouragement and prayers
- The continued work in the hospital to get ready for medical field service
- For the change that Mercy Ships will be able to bring about in Madagascar
- The time that we've been able to spend together off the ship

Please pray for:

- For rest and energy, particularly for Alex, during our 2 weeks off at the end of April
- Everyone who is attending the patient screening sessions, especially those who Mercy Ships are unable to help and are given a very difficult 'no'
- Volunteers to fill several crucial positions in the Hospital that are currently vacant
- A friend and fellow UK crew member who had to be medically evacuated from the ship due to sudden illness



The Bible Course, produced by the Bible Society, is an eight session course which helps to explore the BIG story of the Bible.

Using a mixture of video, discussion, directed Bible readings and an optional work book, it brings together key events, books and characters so that God's plan can be understood more clearly, and help participants to grow in knowledge of, and confidence with God's word.

We shall be running the course for eight consecutive weeks, beginning on **Wednesday May 1st, at 2pm at Louth Methodist Church, and will run through May up to 19th June**. We hope to run the course again in the autumn, but at a time when those unable to make an afternoon can come along.

Participants will get more from the course if they purchase a manual - £4.99 per copy – which contains notes, questions, daily readings and much more.

This course is for everyone who wants to deepen their understanding of the Bible and its message. It may be particularly helpful for those who are considering becoming church members.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev Margaret, or Nick Adams, and if you hope to come along, then we'd love to hear from you. The course is easily accessible, very inspirational and informative. Let us know, as well, if you think you'd find a course manual helpful, and we can make sure we have one for you.

Nick Adams



**Methodist Women
in Britain**



**Invite you to a Garden Party on Saturday 18th May 2024
hosted by MWiB in the garden of Epworth Old Rectory**

Programme for the afternoon

- 1pm onwards parking on site available
- 2pm Gathering and Welcome
- 2.15pm Dr Ruth Slatter & Dr Hannah Worthen speak about their research work using the Methodist Women's Collection
- 2.45pm onwards:

Opportunity to visit the Women's Collection exhibition and take a tour of the Old Rectory itself.

Opportunity to talk with Dr Ruth & Dr Hannah and to share stories of Methodist life in relation to the Methodist Women's collection.

Opportunity to accession items and stories for the collection with Anya Johnson, Epworth Old Rectory collections & visitor manager.

Afternoon Tea – time to share in conversation with friends old & new.

- 4.30pm Closing worship led by Rev Angy Long, Chair of the Lincolnshire District.
- 4.50pm Farewells & depart

Cost for the afternoon £5 plus the donation of sanitary items for local foodbanks/women's refuge as part of MWiB's period poverty campaign. **Tickets must be booked in advance of the event through the MWiB website: www.mwib.org.uk**

Booking will be open from 28th March to 13th May

Queries: communications.mwib@gmail.com or 0300 030 9873

The Repair Shop

At Louth Youth and Community Centre, Park Avenue will meet again on the 2nd Sat of the month

from March - July 2024, 10.00am to 3.30pm.

Contact James: 07939205346



“YOUNG AT HEART” - Mondays from 1.30pm

This has replaced Darby & Joan Club. All welcome

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Tuesdays at 2.00pm

7th May - Ascension Day Celebration

14th May - Film from The Chosen and discussion

21st May - Afternoon Tea

28th May - No Meeting as Bank Holiday

Shelagh Whatley

COME
PRAY
WITH US

**Morning prayers. Wednesdays, 8.30am
to about 8.50am in the lounge.**

A time to be still before God, to listen, to worship and to pray—for yourself, for the church, and for the world around us.

OPEN LITE HOUSE



You are all invited to Open Lite House on **Wednesday**, between 10.00 and 1.00pm

Coffee, tea, biscuits, scones and cakes will be available for a small donation.

NICHOL HILL LADIES GROUP - on a Wednesday

Wed, 1st May at 7.30pm - Mother's Collections with Pat Wilson

Wed, 15th May at 2.00pm - St Andrew's Hospice with Liza Williams

321 EXTRA

The next 321 is **Friday, 10th May at 9.30am**. Please bring your children and grandchildren to sing, chat, enjoy the puppets and to do craft together.

321
3 things to do
2nd Friday
1 a month

Toddler Group meets every **Friday morning** in term-time 9.30-11am (but not 2nd Friday).

All welcome.



Fridays at 7pm
Led by Elaine Watkinson

The Purple Cow

Prayer, song,
support, chat—and
maybe cake.
ALL ARE WELCOME!
SEIZE THE MOO-MENT!
Louth Methodist Church

Karen Morris Nanny and Babysitter

- NNEB Qualified Nursery Nurse with past experience and current volunteering.
- CV & references available on request, for childcare work.
- Paediatric First Aid Level 3 and Basic First Aid Certificated.
- Babysitting experience: 6 - 8 yrs old.
- Exalt team member at Louth Methodist Church and member of Louth Methodist Church from September 2021.
- Registered on website www.nannyjob.co.uk and www.care.com.
- Louth and surrounding areas with full driving licence and car.
- Home Tel: (Louth) 01507 607606 and Mobile: 07305 350 470
- For church members contact me and we can chat about any special arrangements.



Christian Aid Week 2024 – 12-18 May



Every Christian Aid Week, people across Britain raise funds, act and pray for their global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world.

This year's appeal focuses on the organisation's work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa. Heavily reliant on agriculture, it's also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change. More than 70% of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished. Christian Aid has been working in Burundi since 1995 when it first offered humanitarian assistance to people surviving the civil conflict. Now, alongside local partners, the organisation helps establish Village Savings and Loans Ass (VSLAs). These community-led groups mean people can save and borrow money, have small businesses, offering reliable and diverse incomes so families can eat regularly, get medicine when they need it, and build safer homes.

Thirty-five-year-old Aline Nibogora is the chairperson of a VSLA which supports some 25 families in a remote village, in Makamba Province. Her life changed when she went to a three-day, Christian Aid-funded community workshop. With a small start-up loan, Aline began trading avocados and peanuts locally. She's now a grocery wholesaler and living on her own plot of land where she's building a home for her family.

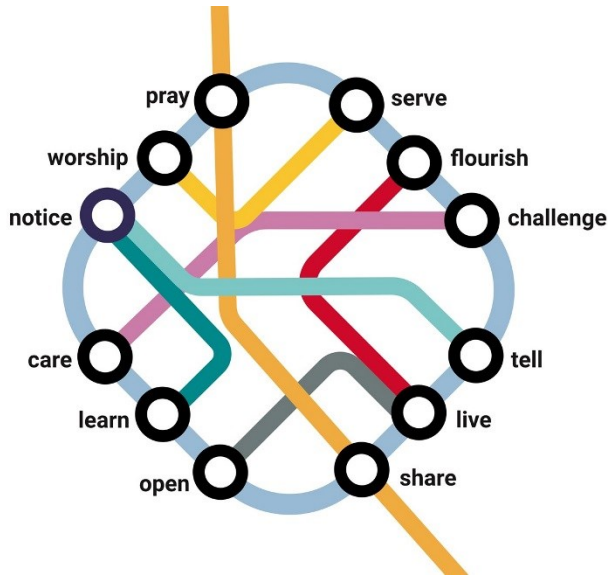
There are **seven days and so many ways to make a difference** through giving and praying. Find out all the ways you can support Christian Aid Week by visiting the [Christian Aid website](#).

What could your donations buy? **£5** could buy a savings book for a member of a VSLA, setting them up to start their own small business and become financially independent. **£30** would help a family buy two 'Jerry' cans to collect water from the river to carry back to their farm. Jerrycans provide irrigation to crops, especially during the dry season, maintaining food production for the family. **£100** could help a woman set up her own small business with a starter kit; including money to purchase her first few items to sell. This means she could supply local grocery shops or restaurants with vegetables, set up a roadside shop, or buy maize to sell in bigger markets like Bujumbura.

Look out for the Devotional guides and red envelopes. Please give as generously as you can and support the Ladies Group afternoon tea later this year.

Thank you, Kath Adams

At our Service and Annual General Meeting in April we looked at the leaflet “**A Methodist Way of Life**”, which is available in church, and we would recommend everyone to read and pray about. It suggests we ‘Get on the Train’, ‘Visit every station’ ‘Reflect on the journey and Pray’ and remember ‘God loves us all unconditionally’.



We will be looking at this more fully in September.




KITCHEN NEWS

During May, there is to be refurbishment of the main church kitchen, which means the kitchen will be out-of-action for at least 2 weeks while the work is being carried out. We have been waiting a long time for this to happen and we are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we look forward to having a great new kitchen, and oven, in which to work.





Sunday Services at Louth Methodist Church May 2024

	5th May	12th May	19th May Pentecost	26th May Trinity
9.50 am	Exalt <i>Also by Zoom</i> 	Holy Communion at 10.30am <i>Preacher:</i> Mr Roger Maidens	Exalt <i>Also by Zoom</i> 	Exalt <i>Also by Zoom</i> 
11.00 am	Morning Worship <i>Preacher:</i> Local Team		Morning Worship <i>Preacher:</i> Mrs Tricia Johnson	Morning Worship <i>Preacher:</i> Deacon Pam Luxton

DEADLINE for the June 2024 Newsletter is Sunday, 19th May

All information to Gwenda Burgin on 01507 607552 or e-mail gwenda@burginnet.com or deliver to 11, Taylors Garden, Louth

For Circuit and District events please look at the Circuit website on eastlincolnshiremethodistcircuit.org.uk/news

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Off Duty Day - Monday